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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Oliver T. Althoff, et al.

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Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir/Madam:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed May 16, 2005 in the above-referenced application.

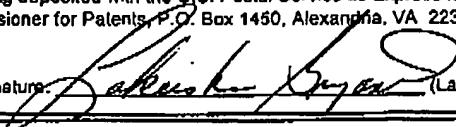
The Applicants believe that a three-month extension of time is required since this response is being filed after the fifth month but before the expiration of the specified time period. The Applicants, however, conditionally petition for a further extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below, charge Deposit Account **04-1105** for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

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